



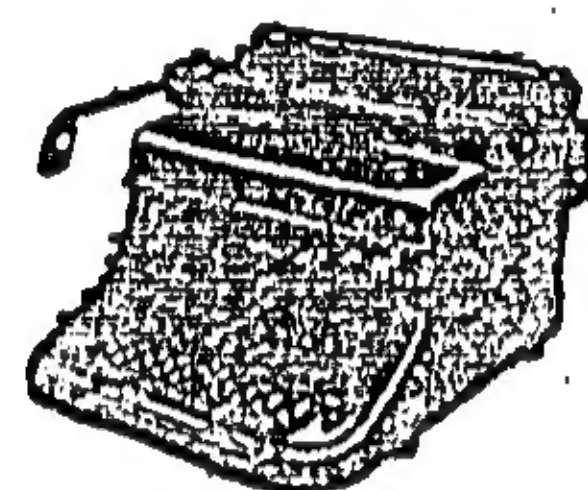


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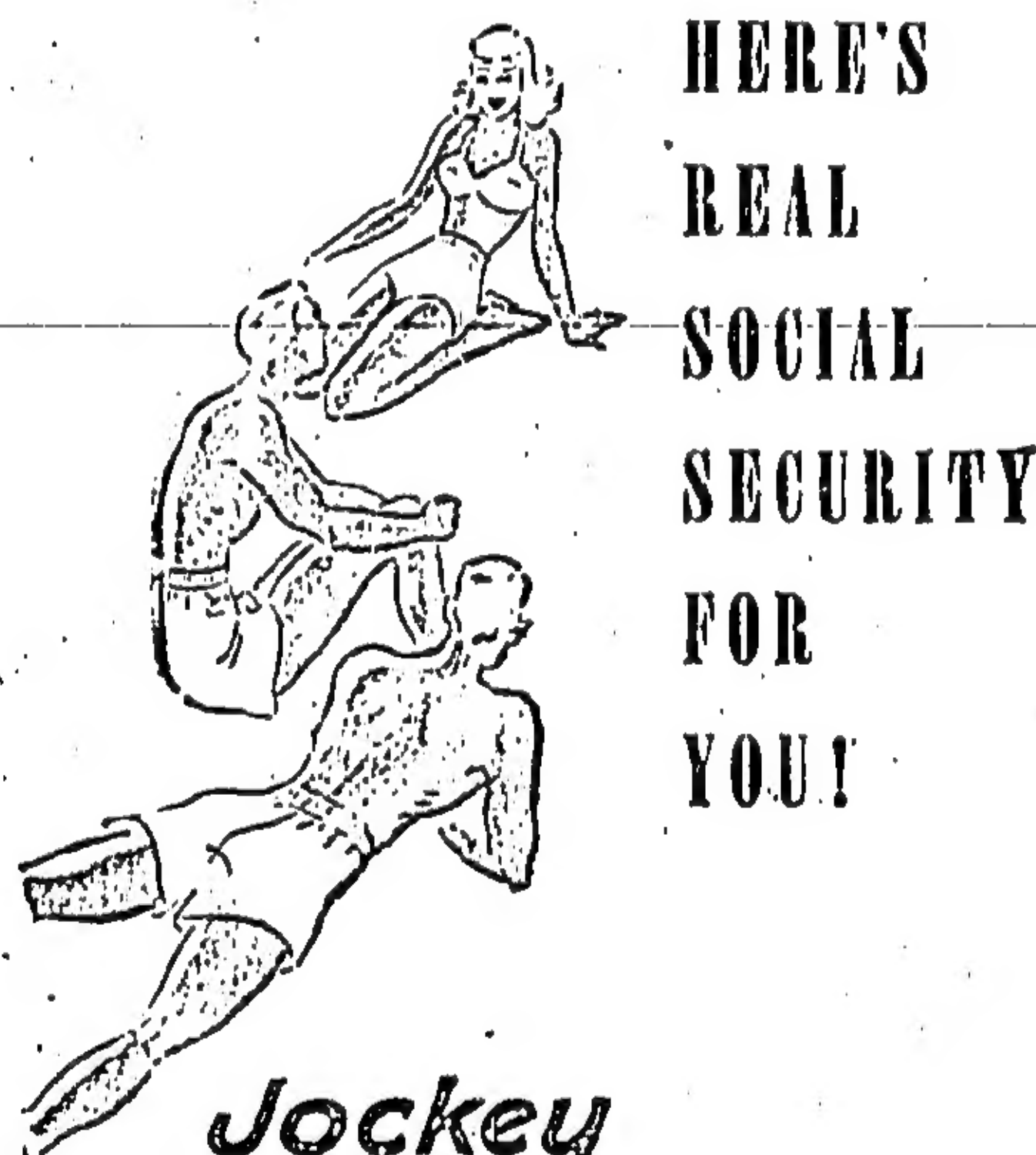
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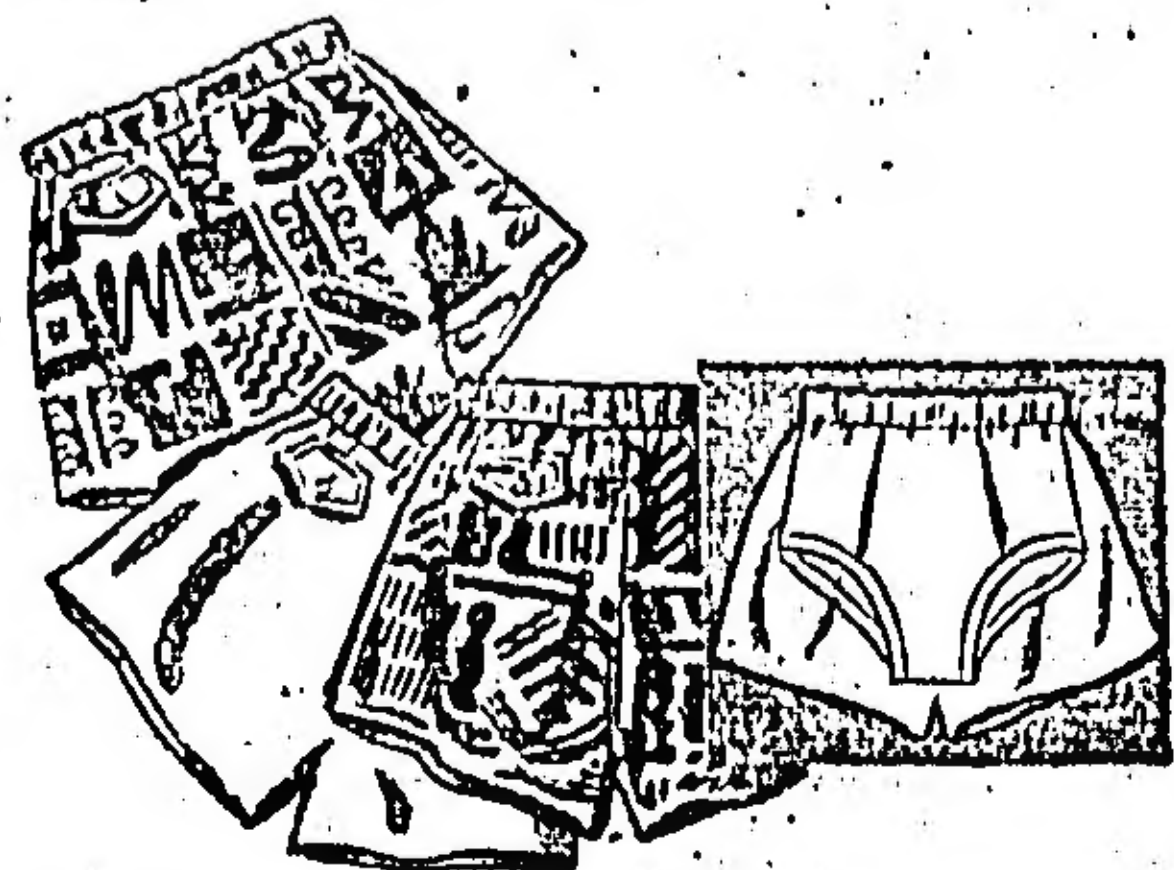
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# WOMANSENSE

## Magpie Print Ensemble



By FRUNELLA WOOD

SOFT costume suit for the warmer seasons, a fashion invaluable to the city dweller and the traveller, is shown you here. The short sleeved, simple frock is topped with a sleek jacket just long enough to accent the top founce of the three which make the dress skirt.

Jet buttons on the jacket, a narrow red leather belt for the dress, are accessories. The jacket is lined with black crepe, and the print pattern is a stripe placing of tiny black geometrics on white.

## WHAT'S THAT HEM DOING?

WOMEN can stop wondering whether their hems are going up or down. They're staying where they are now—at mid-calf length.

That is the decision reached by the Apparel and Fashion Industries Association. This Association represents all grades of wholesale clothing manufacturers. And members have agreed that the clothes they are making now, to appear in the shops in the spring, will show these features.

Sleeves. Mid-calf length. Slim-fitting, frequently with emphasis at the back; many with pleats. Jackets will be a little longer, will emphasize the waist and will be moulded to the figure. Shoulders will remain as they are now—soft and rounded.

Costs. Many will be loose swaggers. But there will still be plenty of fitted coats, tight at the waist and with emphasis at the back. Dresses will have tight-fitting bodices with rounded shoulders and maggy sleeves.

What's new in nylon? A mixture fabric, at present being made mainly for export only. A nylon thread is worked in with ordinary wool.

The material which results is a rayon-wool. At present it is a lightweight fabric suitable for women's clothes. Later on it is hoped it will be used for men's suitings.

Main advantage of this material is its extra hard-wearing quality. Are clothes too expensive to buy? Utility clothes aren't affected by Purchase Tax, but non-utility clothes are. Is the tax making prices so high that clothing is being held up?

The Board of Trade Advisory Committee of Clothing Manufacturers examined this point when it met Board of Trade officials. The whole question of Purchase Tax is to be looked at further by the Board of Trade.

1949 clothes ration may be seriously affected by the stepping-up of the export targets for the Textile Industry.

The Committee will meet again and the officials will try to give manufacturers a more accurate forecast of the amount of cloth they will be allowed for the home ration.

## A Family With Only One Child

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS.

THE opportunities for best development by the only child are usually limited.

In the United States, only 34% of the families have more than one child, 22% have only one child and 44% have no children at all. These figures were given by Dr. William Menninger in the Atlantic Monthly. However, these figures include the "war babies," who later may have brothers and sisters, thus reducing the proportion of only children slightly. The Federal Office of Education estimates that 4,000,000 children will be added to our school population during the next six years (incidentally requiring more teachers and school buildings).

As anybody knows—the more-than-one-child family more often falls in the lower economic level than does the one-child family. Therefore, more of the only children live in suburban areas, with a good proportion of no-child families there. This only child then not only has no playmates in his own home, but also usually lives farther away from other playmates than does the child with brothers and sisters.

Thoughtful Of Others. The only child generally has more luxuries and fewer denials. He also has fewer opportunities to share. Regardless of where a child lives he must do more sharing if he has brothers and sisters than if he has none. The most important sharing is his personality and character is of his parents' attention and affection. Obviously, parents of the only child need to make fewer self-denials and personal adaptations than parents of several children, in-fact the parents fewer possible personality gains and fewer possible moral and spiritual returns.

All else being equal, it is harder for the average only child than siblings to grow up unselfish; to be thoughtful of others and thus prepare for social responsibility. It is harder for him to learn self-sacrifice for an ideal, having had so few of his immediate wants denied. Harder for him to learn thrift and wise use of money. Also harder, as a rule, to learn self-discipline and self-drive.

What is most apparent in the only child is his lack of ample contacts with other children of his age. To parents of the only child: Emphasize not giving to the child too much of a material nature, nor teaching him respect for the rights and possessions of others; training him in self-reliance and responsibility.

Find ways for him to play freely with many other children of his own age, working out with other parents co-operative play programmes. This may be costly in time and money but it is a very wise investment. Consider having more children.

## EMOTIONS AND YOUR DIGESTION

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IT pays to be calm, for we now know that the emotions, such as fear, anxiety, and anger, all have an effect on the way in which the various parts of the body function and these disturbances in function may cause troublesome symptoms. This is particularly true of the stomach.

Some very careful studies have been carried out by Drs Wolf and

Wolf, of New York. They used four persons who had what is known as a gastric fistula, that is, an opening from the stomach to the outside. They were able to look directly into the stomach of these patients and note various changes in the lining membranes, as well as determining the amount of secretions formed.

They found that, as a result of emotional disturbances, the stomach may become overactive or underactive, and that the same person may show either type of change under varying circumstances. They also learned that these emotional upsets might cause a sufficient change in the action of the stomach to nullify or cancel out the effects the various foods had produced.

Overactivity of the stomach often was found to be associated with heartburn and pain in the abdomen of a gnawing nature. These pains were strongest during the periods when the stomach was emptied, and usually were relieved by taking food, milk or an alkaline substance, such as baking soda.

Underactivity of the stomach was found when a feeling of fullness in the stomach or abdomen, or a feeling of sickness or nausea was present.

### Changes In Stomach

A person whose stomach is overactive has changes in the stomach which normally go with hunger, whether or not he has any appetite. When the stomach is overactive, it indicates that the person is preparing to fight his problems. When the stomach is underactive, it indicates that the individual is not meeting the challenge of his surroundings but is given up to them. His nausea expresses his distaste for the situation in which he finds himself.

The role which the emotions play in the development of these stomach disturbances should be understood. Many persons who develop such symptoms as pain in the abdomen on nausea become certain that they are suffering from some actual disease condition when actually their troubles are only due to the emotions. An explanation of the fact may, in itself, aid greatly in relieving the symptoms.

Persons who have such abdominal disturbances are in need of thorough study by the physician to determine just what disorder is present so that the most effective treatment may be carried out.

## For Hours Of Ease



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

BROWN VELVETEEN is used for this attractive lounging pajama costume, a one-piece design. The front of the little vestee is zebra-striped in brown and white; the back is of solid black velvet. The bodice has a high pointed collar with shoestring tie and sleeves that are loose under the arm. There is self stitching on the wide self belt.

## Buying Bath Accessories



A heavy-bristled bath brush should be part of everyone's personal equipment.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHAT woman can resist fragrant bath accessories? You know the answer. They are no longer in the luxury class; the aids have to have them. Take bath salts, for instance. You may have them in your favourite flower or bouquet scent, in colours, to match your bath room, in crystals, in effervescent powders, all in the most fascinating containers. With these, it's hard you'll never skip a day. The daily scrubbing is the first law of beautifying. You can tell the scrubbers at a glance. Their complexions have freshness and good colouring. Soap, of course, should be the best you can buy. You have a wide selection there. If your skin feels sensitive or irritated after your bath, change soaps. There are delightful bath oils to be had that are soothing. In cold weather and with thin hosiery, one's legs are likely to be chapped. Friction them well with an oil. You will find these items carrying the same sweet odour as your bath salts. They make you smell sweet all the day long.

You may be interested in a complexion spray that you will find at the toilet goods counter. It will give you the refreshing tone and carefully regulated stimulus of cold water in the creation and preservation of a beautiful complexion. Use it when you get up in the morning. You'll have an attractive before-breakfast face.

The thoughtful hostess will provide bath accessories for her house guest—small individual jars of bath salts, a jar of dusting powder with plenty of little cotton squares for its application, tissues to be used for the removal of cosmetics.

A heavy bristled bath brush should be a part of one's personal equipment. It hastens up circulation, causes goose flesh to disappear. If the bristles mat down when moistened, the brush does not qualify. When bathing there is bound to be considerable foreign matter on the skin—dead scales, atmospheric dust, chemicals exuded by the sweat glands.



## Tempting Swedish Dishes

"Did Madame enjoy her dinner at the home of her Swedish friend?" asked the Chef. "It was delightful! We started with Smorgasbord and ended with plenty of good strong coffee." "The Swedish people are very fond of coffee and their smorgasbord is famous among the hors d'oeuvres of the world," observed the Chef.

"This was a small family dinner," I explained. "But they consider smorgasbord so important that the foods were arranged buffet style on a special table covered with a snow white linen cloth. There were several varieties of fish—smoked salmon, anchovies on stuffed, hard-cooked eggs; pickled smelts; and herring salad. For a single hot dish they had a casserole of the famous Swedish brown beans. Then there were a cold pickled beets and mushrooms, all beautifully arranged—in glass dishes. There was plenty of crisp Swedish rye bread. After this preliminary we sat down at the dining table, to enjoy a first course of the Swedish national pea soup."

"And then did you have the famous fillet à la Oscar?" "No, Chef. We had already had so much to eat that the main course was simple—Swedish meat balls, dainty and light because the mixture contained an unusual amount of milk, and was beaten fifteen minutes before forming into balls and cooking."

"That gives a texture very different from the ordinary meat balls," said the Chef. "It is much more tender." "With the meat balls we had celery root and carrots braised together in a little soup stock. Both vegetables were cut in strips about two inches long. They were seasoned with a little powdered dill, and cooked barely tender, when a little sour cream was added."

### Vegetable De Luxe

"A very fine dish indeed, really a vegetable de luxe, but inside the budget," observed the Chef. "And the potatoes were most unusual—raw slices baked rich and golden, a combination that takes in the best flavours of both baking and frying."

"Dessert was a delicious prune custard pudding topped with whipped cream. The unusual point about it was the unique flavour due to the use of the kernels taken from six prunes, pits and chopped fine. This whole dinner could be used by two readers even if entertaining. The smorgasbord can be elaborate, or simple and inexpensive. Or it could be omitted altogether and dinner could start with herring salad, crisp rye bread and a relish tray."

### Dinner

Herring Salad Swedish Rye Bread  
Swedish Meat Balls in Gravy  
Baked Potato Slices  
Braised Celery Root and Carrots  
Prune Custard Pudding  
Coffee  
Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

### Herring Salad

Cut 2 fillets of herring into very small cubes. Add 2 fine-cubed cold cooked potatoes, and 1 c. fine-diced

### Swedish Meat Balls

Combine 1/2 lb. chopped raw beef, 1/4 lb. chopped raw lean pork and 1 small peeled onion. Put through the food-chopper twice. Meantime soak 1/2 c. very fine stale bread crumbs in 1 c. milk, for at least 10 min. Add to the ground meat and work with a spoon until thoroughly mixed. Then add 1 unbroken egg, 1 tsp. salt, 1/3 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. allspice. Continue to beat and mix until blended and fluffy. Shape into medium-sized balls containing 1 tsp. each. Roll slightly in flour. Fry in meat fat or margarine, shaking the pan and turning the balls so they will brown evenly. When all are done, make a gravy from the residue in the frying pan, by stirring in 1/2 tsp. flour mixed with 2 tsp. cold water. Then add 1/2 c. water and 1/4 tsp. meat extract; stir until the mixture boils all over, then add 1/2 c. top cream, light cream or undiluted evaporated milk. Return the meat balls to this gravy to reheat. Or they may be put into an attractive casserole, the gravy poured over and reheated in the oven.

### Baked Potato Slices

Select 8 medium-sized white potatoes. Thin-peel and cut cross-wise into thin uniform slices. Thicken oil a baking utensil, 7" x 11", with margarine or shortening. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and in it arrange the potatoes in over-lapping rows. Dot with 3 tsp. margarine or shortening; dust with salt and pepper; cover closely and bake in a hot oven, 400 F. about 35 min., or until the potatoes are tender. Remove the cover the last 10 min. so they will brown.

### Prune Custard Pudding

Add 1 1/2 c. boiling water to 1/2 lb. prunes; cover and soak 2 hrs. Add 1/4 c. sugar, then simmer until tender. Remove the pits; cut the prunes in half. Crack 6 of the pits, chop the kernels and add to the prunes. Add 1/3 c. chopped blanched almonds or almonds, and spread in a qt.-sized baking dish that can be set to the table. Make a plain rich custard mixture and pour over the prunes. Place in a pan of hot water, and bake in a moderate oven, 350 F. about 35 min., or until the custard is golden brown, and a knife, inserted in the centre, comes out clean. Cool and serve with whipped cream or a whipped topping.

Rich Custard Mixture: Beat 2 eggs until mixed. Mix in 1/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. vanilla, a few grains salt, 1/4 c. light or top cream, and 1 1/2 c. milk.

### Trick Of The Chef

To make cream sauce Swedish style, add 1/4 tsp. powdered mustard to 1 c. sauce, stirring it in with the flour.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



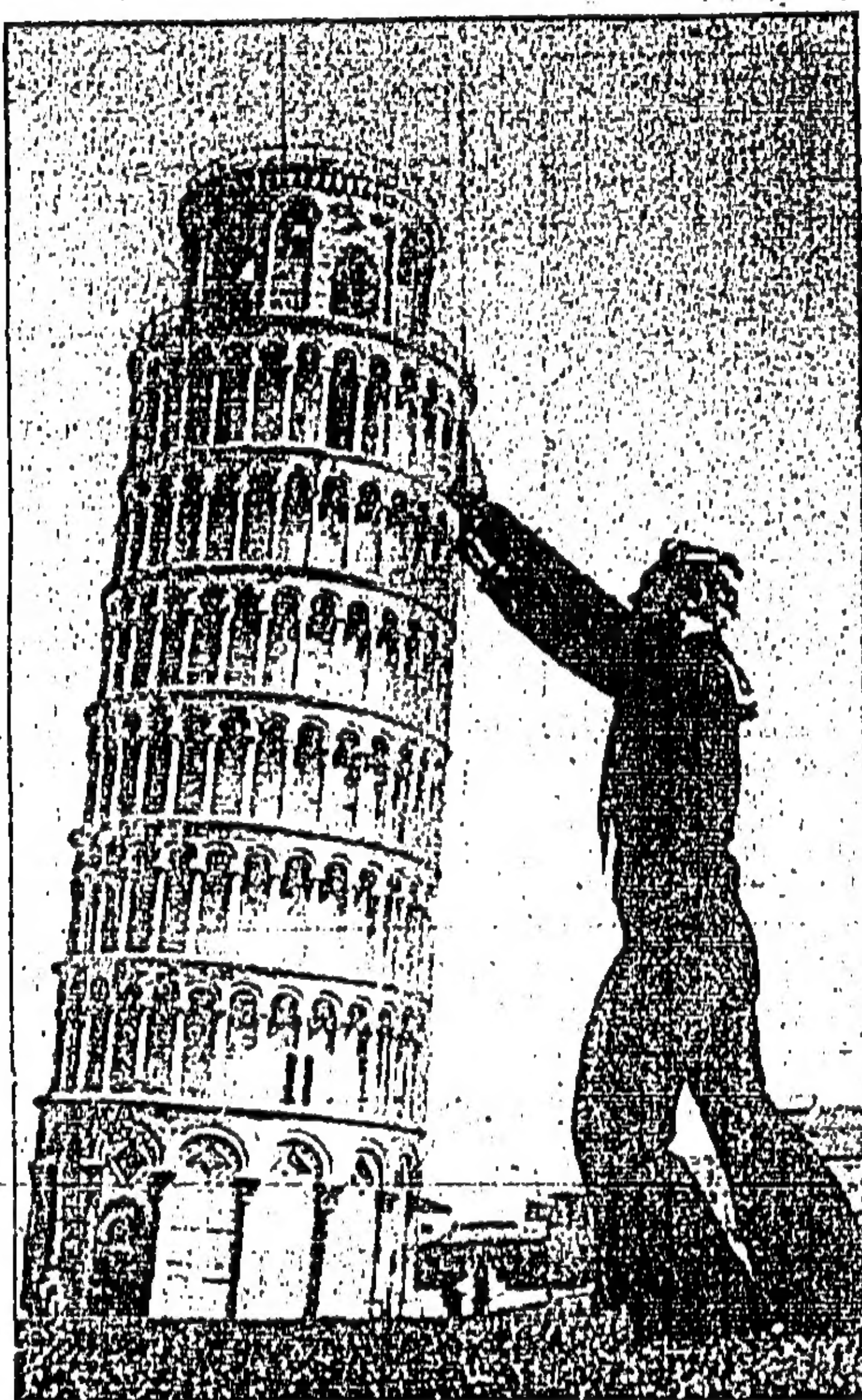
**CHIPPED CORNER STONE**—Four persons were injured, two seriously, when this New York bus collided with a passenger car. The car was hit with such force that it tore masonry away from the side of the hotel in front of which the collision took place.



**DP'S BECOME TRADESMEN**—Two Polish displaced persons at work in a Fano, Italy, factory, helping to build trawlers.



**MID-WINTER DIP**—In accordance with an old Roman custom, this hardy swimmer gets a reward of bread and wine after a dip in the Tiber River in Rome. Significance of the ritual is the taming of the river by man.



**STEADY NOW!**—Seaman Robert Bradford of Chicago lends a little support to the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa while sightseeing. The trick shot was made on a tour of the Sixth Task Force.



**ACTRESS**—Joy Lansing poses in the plaid satin bathing suit she wears in a film she is making in Hollywood.



**TREMBLING EARTH**—Frightened residents of Rivodutri, Italy, take to the open fields after a series of earth tremors which caused considerable damage. A major earthquake has been predicted for the little town on the slope of Mount Terminillo.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—Major John Ohlinger, Base Operations officer at Floyd Bennett Field in New York, congratulates singer Fran Warren on her selection as "Miss Air National Guard of 1949."



**CATCHING THE EYE**—Oh, what fun it is to sun—yes, sir, especially if you're down Florida way and get a chance to play catch with attractive Myrtle Drawdy on the bench at Cypress Gardens.



**CROSSING BRIDGES**—The retreating Wehrmacht destroyed Berlin's bridges in 1945. This span at Karlsplatz was wrecked save for one girder. Young and old make use of the single beam while going about their daily tasks.

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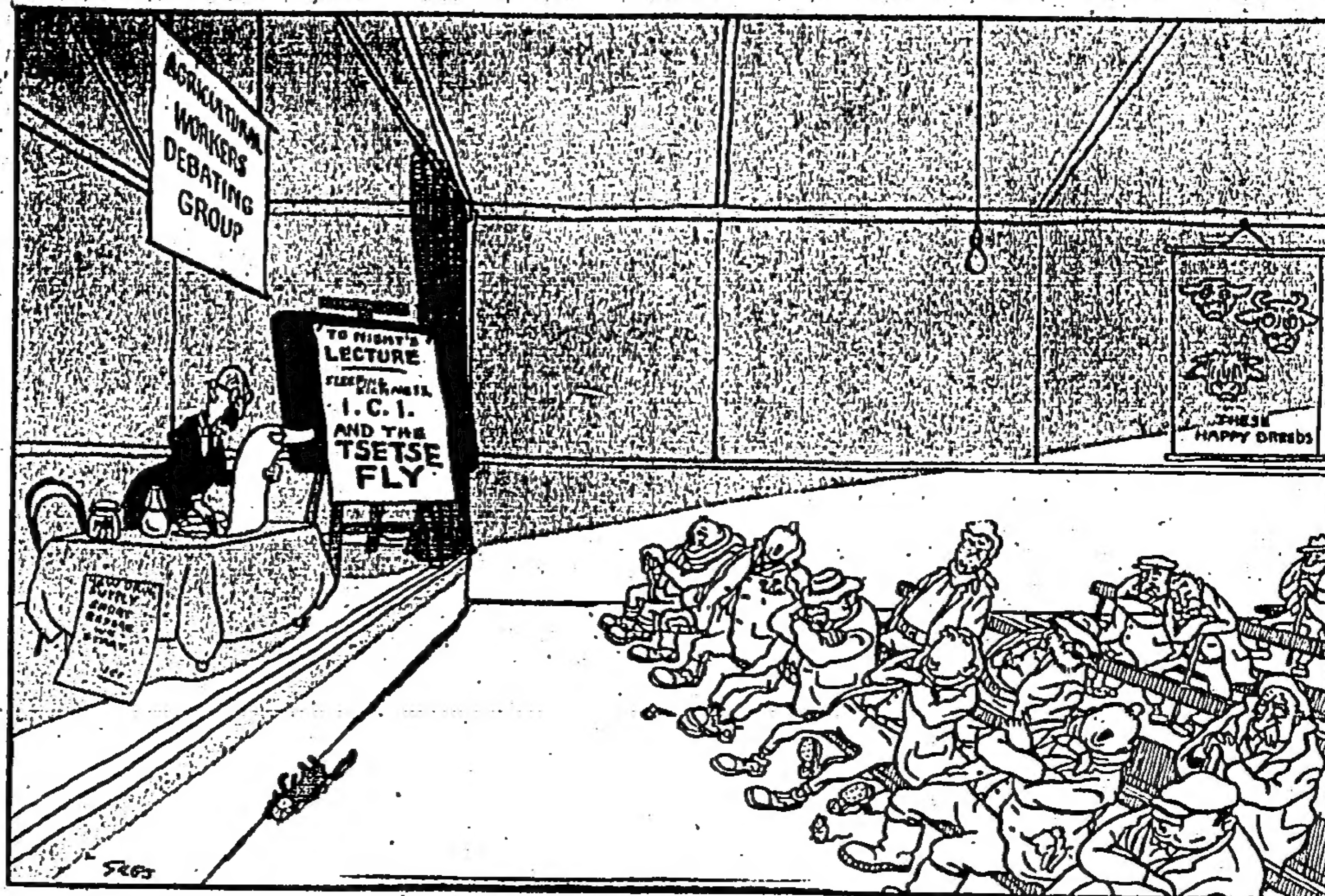
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## SOVIETS MARSHAL FORCES FOR SHOWDOWN WITH TITO

By LEON DENNEN

ITALIAN labour circles in close contact with the Yugoslav situation fear that the seething Balkan powder keg is about to explode again.

A Soviet-engineered coup d'état against the "Red Rebel," Marshal Tito, is imminent, they believe, and both sides are marshalling troops and secret police for the showdown. The "Tito threat" was the subject of prolonged discussion at a special meeting of the Cominform recently at Sofia after the Bulgarian Communist Congress. Among those present, in addition to representatives from the Communist parties of Great Britain, France, Italy and the satellite countries, were the Russian Secretary of the Cominform, Yudin, as well as the Soviet General Sidor Artemovich Kovpak and the leader of the anti-Tito faction in Trieste, Vittorio Vidali.

agent himself, Tito, in the view of persons who have recently been in personal contact with him, will not be caught off-guard. After a brief period of hesitation he now realises that as far as the Kremlin is concerned he has burned all his bridges behind him.

Tito is now gently preparing his followers not only for a political but also for a complete ideological break with Stalinism. As yet, to be sure, he has shown no sign that he wishes to be reconciled with the "capitalist" West. However, he has been making overtures to Italian Socialists, whom he hitherto regarded as the "agents of capitalist imperialism."

A broad hint that Tito may use the Marxist but violently anti-Communist Social Democrats as a back door to the West was contained in his New Year's broadcast to the people of Yugoslavia in which he derided

Kovpak, 56-year-old partisan fighter and military confidant of Stalin, is an old hand at Balkan fighting.

Vidali, under the alias of Sormenti, was active during the last war as Moscow's agent in the United States and Mexico. He is said to have been the man who engineered the assassinations of Leon Trotsky and Carlo Tresca. Vidali is a bitter personal foe of Tito.

Immediately after the Sofia meeting, Cominform agents increased their pressure to upset the Tito regime from within. At the same time, Hungarian and Bulgarian troops, augmented by pro-Cominform Yugoslav deserters and Macedonian Irregulars, were held in readiness on the Yugoslav frontiers while General Kovpak, their commander-in-chief, went to Albania to participate in a large-scale purge of pro-Tito Communists.

Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, recently accused Bulgaria and Hungary of violating the peace treaty limitations for their armed forces. Despite official satellite denials, observers arriving in Rome from Sofia report increased Bulgarian troop activity on the Yugoslav border. Likewise, the Hungarian border with Yugoslavia is now being reinforced with substantial numbers of regular and N.K.V.D. troops under Soviet officers.

Reports from Yugoslavia indicate Tito is preparing to meet the attack. The purge of pro-Cominform elements in Yugoslavia exceeds even the satellite countries. An ex-Soviet

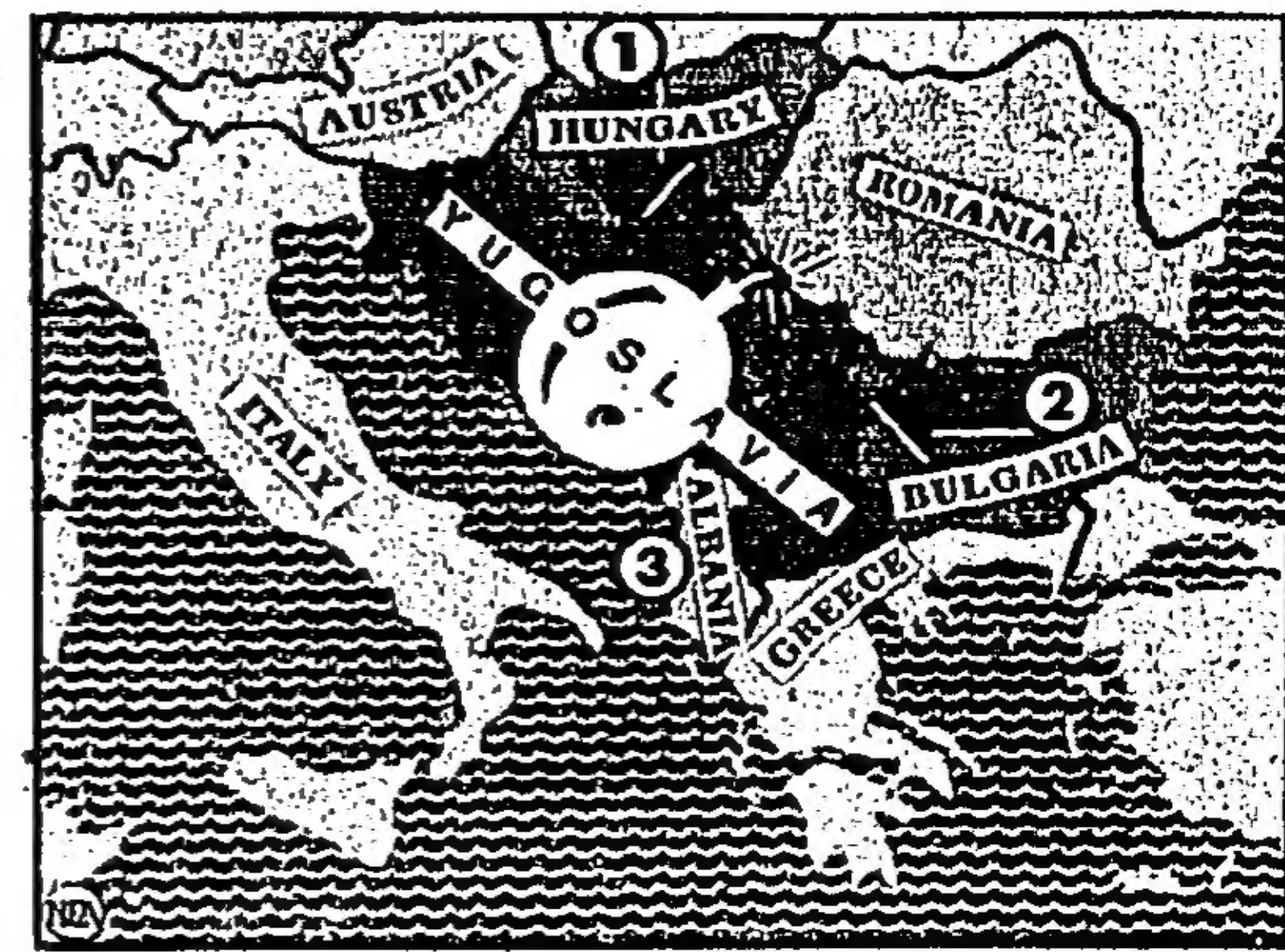
the political theory that "the end justifies the means."

"Great things," he said, "can never be built by foul means and in a dishonest way."

Although new for Tito, this theory has been preached by Social Democrats ever since the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia by violence and represents a sharp break with orthodox Leninist-Stalinist thinking.

A leading Italian Socialist familiar with Yugoslav events told me: "Tito, like all fanatical Communists, must learn the hard way. His conversion to Social Democracy will not resurrect the thousands of men and women he destroyed ruthlessly in the name of the theory which he now deprecates. Nevertheless, the fact that, on the surface at least, he now rejects violence represents a significant step forward."

The quarrel between Tito and Stalin has its humorous side. Shortly before his break with the Cominform, Tito signed a contract with Czechoslovakia for coke. After the break, the Czechs refused to deliver. After prolonged negotiations, the Czechs, beset by their own economic troubles, consented to ship the coke to Yugoslavia—at prices double those originally asked. Tito's agents approached the Geneva office of the European Economic Mission of the United Nations which immediately supplied Yugoslavia with coke from Belgium and the Ruhr at one-third the price demanded by Czechoslovakia. The Czechs then accused the European Economic Mission of "sharp capitalist practices."



"Red Rebel" battleground: The fuse of a Cominform-Tito showdown smolders inside Yugoslavia as Red agents try to upset Tito from within. On the frontiers, Hungarian and Bulgarian troops (1 and 2) have been reinforced and pro-Tito Communists are being purged in Albania (3) by Soviet ace-man General Kovpak.

## THE COMRADES GIVE THE GAME AWAY....

BY W. J. BROWN, MP.

COMMUNISTS should either speak at home or abroad. But not both. For when they do they give the game away too blatantly.

Consider the case of Mr Harry Pollitt.

Recently Mr Pollitt published, in Britain, an article entitled "The Communist Party and the Trade Unions." In it he defined the position of the Communist Party in relation to trade unions, briefly, thus: the party were opposed to speeding up of the workers; opposed to longer hours; opposed to increased output; opposed to taking Marshall Aid from America; but in favour of reduced prices; increased wages; shorter hours; and permanent fine weather except for capitalist lickspittles, social Fascists and hyenas.

It was a fine programme, calculated to appeal to all—and their number is considerable—who think that the world owes them a living but that they owe the world nothing at all. More recently Mr Pollitt was one of the honoured guests at the Unity Conference in Warsaw called to "merge" the Communist and Socialist parties of Poland. There, while Mr Pollitt applauded the Communists "merged" with the Socialists—very much as I "merged" when I am not fasting, with my breakfast. Then he abused the British Government as a collection of war-mongers, and as having sold the interests of the working masses to the capitalists.

The Communist State, in which the workers have been freed from "capitalist slavery" and exploitation does not permit citizens who disagree with the policies of the State to trot around Europe abusing both the State and policy alike. But the decadent democracies of the West, where capitalist tyrannies still flourish, positively facilitate such conduct on the part of their citizens. So Harry went to Warsaw with a passport issued under the authority of Mr Bevin whose foreign policy it is one of Harry's principal objects in life to thwart, and with foreign currency presumably authorised by the Treasury of the capitalist State which Harry is pledged to destroy. But this is by the way.

which the trade unions are to work. He says:

"The management, with the director at its head, lead the factory in accordance with the rule that it is the only power in the enterprise in question. It is responsible for the whole work of the factory, for the fulfilment of the plan, and for the working conditions of the workers employed."

Note well—it is the only power. Not one of two—management and workers, not one of three—management, workers and consumers. But the only power. The "whole work of the factory," the "fulfilment of the plan," and the "conditions of the workers employed" are withdrawn from the sphere of trade union activity.

It might be observed that, with these withdrawn there is nothing left for the unions to do. For these constitute pretty well the whole field of activity of trade unions in Britain and other enslaved capitalist states.

Mr Kole does not merely indicate what the unions shall not do, but also what they must do.

"It is the duty of the party cell in the factory to strengthen the position, an authority of the management, and to emphasise the basic rule of a single-power governing the enterprise."

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### NANCY

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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Muroc Dry Lake, California, Feb. 2.—Riding a rocket plane four miles almost straight up in less than two minutes feels just about like riding in a fast car, according to air force Captain Charles E. Yeager.

The air force announced today that Captain Yeager was the first man to take the rocket-powered XS-1 off the ground. On that first, experimental take-off, he climbed 23,000 feet—approximately four and one-third miles—in a minute and 40 seconds from the start.

In a previous flight, Captain Yeager also was the first to fly faster than sound.

Previously, the XS-1 always was flown from the belly of a B-29 bomber after being carried to 25,000 feet and dropped in a 1,000-foot dive for "take-off."

"That is because the plane will still at a speed slower than 240 mph," Captain Yeager explained. "We wanted to be sure that we could get the XS-1 up that fast on the ground before we actually tried it."

## JUST ROUTINE

A 26-year-old veteran of 63 wartime missions, Captain Yeager treats his work in the sound-buster as routine, and got more excited about three-foot snow drifts piled on the runway than telling about his record-breaking achievements in the world's fastest plane.

"The XS-1 has done a lot more than people expected of it," he declared. "We have used the same model, the Bell Aircraft people designed in 1944, the same year the Germans built a rocket plane, and have not changed it a bit."

There is only one other XS-1. It is undergoing tests by the national advisory committee for aviation, a federal government agency.

Captain Yeager, who has been flying jet planes for about three and a half years, and rockets about a year and a half, said the XS-1 requires a three miles runway. The average jet plane needs a field about a mile long.

He said he is likely to keep on with his supersonic rocket flights for another four or five years.

"Then I will drive an old truck—like the C-47," he said.

Captain Yeager's wife gave birth to a girl recently. He has two boys, one three years, the other 20 months.—United Press.

## German POW To Be Deported

Chelmsford, Feb. 2.—Magistrates here today recommended that a former German prisoner of war who gained wide publicity by being allowed to marry an English girl be deported to Germany.

Werner Vettner, aged 23, was bound over to come up for sentence on March 9 on charges of house-breaking and thefts of property worth £218 at three London suburbs.

Vettner pleaded guilty to the charges. The prosecution said Vettner gained notoriety in 1947 when he caused an amendment in the British law by gaining permission to marry an English girl named Reynolds when he was in custody as a prisoner of war.

For the defence it was said today that Vettner, after his marriage, had been plagued with hundreds of poisonous letters and wherever he went for employment he had suffered accordingly.—Reuter.

## Yugoslavia's Broad Hint To Kremlin

### Terms For Economic Co-operation

Belgrade, Feb. 2.—Yugoslavia has transmitted its views on the new Eastern Economic Council to the Soviet Union and the five other East European countries which are members of the Council, it was officially disclosed here today.

The five countries are Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Disclosing this in an interview with Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, published today, the Foreign Minister, M. Fivara (Kurdelj), indicated that though excluded from the Council Yugoslavia would be prepared to co-operate with it on terms of equality.

"This was the first Yugoslav official reaction to the creation of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance announced in Moscow a week ago."

M. Kurdelj told Tanjug that the Yugoslav Government was particularly pleased by the Moscow statement about the equality of the States taking part since this coincided with the Yugoslav point of view.

### MUST STOP CAMPAIGN

He added that economic co-operation in the spirit of that principle would be achieved only if the Soviet Union and the people's democracies stopped their campaign against Yugoslavia and "modified their present attitude, which is harmful not only to Yugoslavia's economic needs but also to co-operation among the countries of Socialism and the people's democracies."

It was all the more surprising, M. Kurdelj said, that Yugoslavia had not been invited to Moscow—for the talks leading to the new Council—since she had "more than once taken the initiative in trying to organize closer co-operation" among Eastern bloc countries and those countries were already bound by various treaties to "the closest co-operation."

M. Kurdelj said the attitude of the Soviet Union and the Communist countries could not be excused by the present abnormal relations between them and Yugoslavia.

To have invited Yugoslavia "might have facilitated a solution of the present misunderstanding," he added.—Reuter.

## No Middle East Defence Pact

Washington, Feb. 2.—The State Department denied today that the United States has an agreement with Britain, formal or informal, to strengthen Middle East defences.

A spokesman gave this reply when questioned about a Cairo dispatch, quoting the newspaper Al Miskal, as saying that such a pact exists.

The former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, vigorously denied at a press conference several weeks ago that the United States had agreed to join a British plan to guarantee peace in the Middle East in return for Britain's recognition of Israel.—Reuter.

In keeping with the Minister of Works, Mr. Key's promise to Mr. Wilson Harris and other MPs, workmen here start repairs on the Admiralty Arch end of the Mall. . . . Mr. Harris complained two months ago in the Commons that after driving along the Mall—along which Royal processions set out for the Palace—he had suffered from "aggravated oscillation."



It was on these pot-holes that Mr. Harris caught the sickness he complained of.

## BURNING OF LINTANG

### Questions In The Commons

London, Feb. 2.—The Communist Member, Mr. Philip Piratin, asked in the House of Commons today if the Colonial Secretary had any information about the burning of Lintang, Malaya, by British forces.

He asked how many homes were burnt, how many people were rendered homeless, what accommodation was provided for them and why this measure was carried out.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones (Colonial Secretary) replied: "The bandits in this area, with the connivance and assistance of squatters from Lintang and other villages had been responsible for the murder of three British planters, the killing and wounding of 19 Chirkas and other outrages."

In the course of operations by the police and military against this place, beginning on October 20, over 400 squatters were removed to more settled areas, together with their livestock, property and huts.

"The only huts destroyed were those of people known to have assisted the bandits, or those which could not be removed and, if left intact, would have been used subsequently by the bandits. No one was transferred from the area who could show legal title to his land."

### NOTHING TO HIDE

Asked further by Mr. Piratin why he did not answer this question two weeks ago when Mr. Gallacher (Communist) put it specifically, and what he had to hide, Mr. Creech Jones replied:

"I have nothing to hide, and I was not aware that the question had been asked before."

The Minister added: "In any case, not only has the Chinese Council expressed appreciation of the way in which this was carried through, but also a fair number of squatters themselves requested that they should be removed."

Mr. Piratin then asked whether in repatriating the 800 Chinese during 1943 from Malaya to China, the repatriates were consulted about the political part of China to which they preferred to return. Were these wishes taken into consideration on their repatriation?

Mr. Creech Jones replied that Chinese repatriates were consulted about the part to which they wish to be sent and their wishes were taken into consideration.—Reuter.

## Sailing Ship Damaged, But Safe

Tarpon Springs, Florida, Feb. 2.—A crippled 38-foot cabin cruiser was towed in early today with all persons aboard reported in good condition, climaxing a nightlong search spurred by steady distress signals picked up by installations from Miami to New Orleans.

The cabin cruiser was located by an amphibious plane from the Fifth Air Rescue Squadron at MacDill Field. The plane was sent out in response to distress signals heard at regular intervals throughout the night.—United Press.

## Gammans' Formula For The Malaya Problem MUST RESTORE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE

London, Feb. 2.—Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative Member of Parliament, who has just returned from a tour of the Far East, said here tonight that the Government of Malaya "must work faster" if it was to win the duel with the Chinese Communist bandits now costing \$540,000,000 a day.

Mr. Gammans, who worked in Malaya as a Colonial civil servant from 1920 to 1934, told Reuter: "It is not just a question of pouring British troops into the country. The bandits are out-numbered by the Security Forces by ten to one."

"Success depends upon restoring the confidence of the people of Malaya that the British are going to remain there and maintain law and order."

"An overwhelming percentage of the people is against the Communist guerrillas."

"Yet, at the moment, in a purely military sense, the Administration is not doing much more than holding its own with the guerrillas."

"Further battles with the lawless bands in Malaya will have to be won much more quickly than they have been won in the past."

"The cost is staggering. The strain on the rubber planters and tin miners, walking about armed, sometimes with Sten guns, cannot be imagined."

### MUST SOLIDLY UNITE

"The success of Communism in China and the menace coming to Malaya from outside means that the Federation must be solidly united."

"Somehow, confidence must be restored among the people, many of whom are undoubtedly paying protection money to the bandits, because they lack that confidence in the authorities."

"During the past three years, the situation in Malaya has undoubtedly been aggravated by some well-meaning but foolish acts on the part of the Administration."

"They tried to impose, in a hurry, a new Constitution. Then they rushed the development of trade unions, which only resulted in the trade unions becoming Communist-dominated."

"Finally, they did away with their

## EX-QUEEN TO RETURN HOME

Virginia Water, England, Feb. 2.—Former Queen Rambhai Barni of Siam, widow of King Prajadhipok, says she will return to Siam in April after almost 14 years of exile.

"My family and my good friends have asked me to return and I could not resist longer a deep yearning to go back to my own people," she said at her country home here. "She said there was no political significance in her decision."

The former Queen, now 43 years old, left Bangkok after the King abdicated in 1935 in a feud with politicians who wanted more democratic rights.

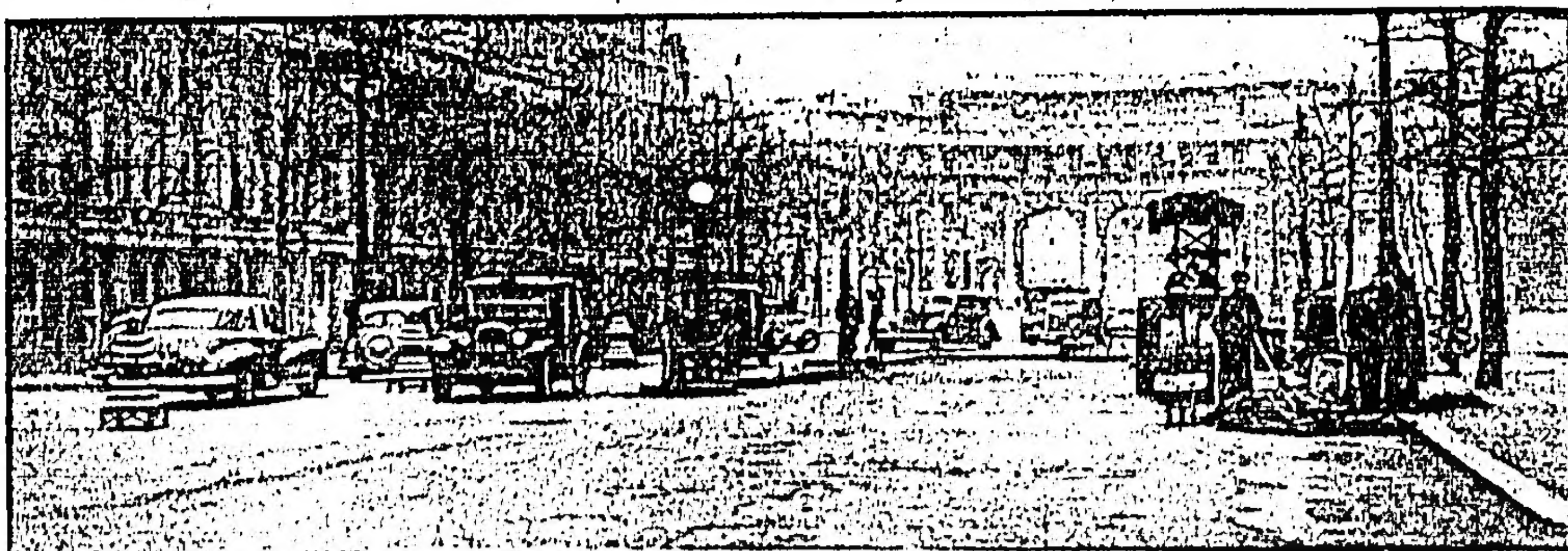
In Bangkok now she will be known as Her Royal Highness Princess Rambhai Barni. The present King, Phumiphon, is a relative.—Associated Press.

### POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, maybe it's a genuine Arab, maybe it's a Jewish agent-provocateur in disguise, maybe it's just Rita Hayworth avoiding publicity!"

## Potholes In The Mall



## Offer To Indonesian Republicans

### Recognition By The Federal States

Batavia, Feb. 2.—The heads of the Indonesian Federal States telegraphed to the detained Republican leaders tonight their reply to the Republican conditions for taking part in the discussions on an Interim Federal Government for the whole of Indonesia.

No disclosure was made of the nature of the reply—sent to President Soekarno and the Premier, Dr. Mohammed Hatta—but well informed sources said the Federalists offered to recognize the Republican leaders as "official personalities," of a republic, the status of which was indefinite.

Local Republicans were doubtful tonight whether this formula would induce the Republicans to join in the discussions.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia today drew the attention of the Dutch delegation accredited to it to the Communist responsibility to make recommendations for the solution of the problem of an Interim Federal Government if no agreement were reached by February 15.

It also asked for the earliest information on the views of the Dutch Government on the Security Council's resolution of January 28. This sketched a timetable for forming of an independent, sovereign United States of Indonesia by July 1, 1950, at the latest.

The Commission said it would be failing in its duty if it did not press for compliance with the resolution.—Reuter.

### Denmark Recognises State Of Israel

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—Denmark on Wednesday gave de facto recognition to the State of Israel.

A cable informing the Israel Foreign Minister of the Danish Government's decision was sent from Copenhagen on Wednesday afternoon. It was officially announced.—Associated Press.

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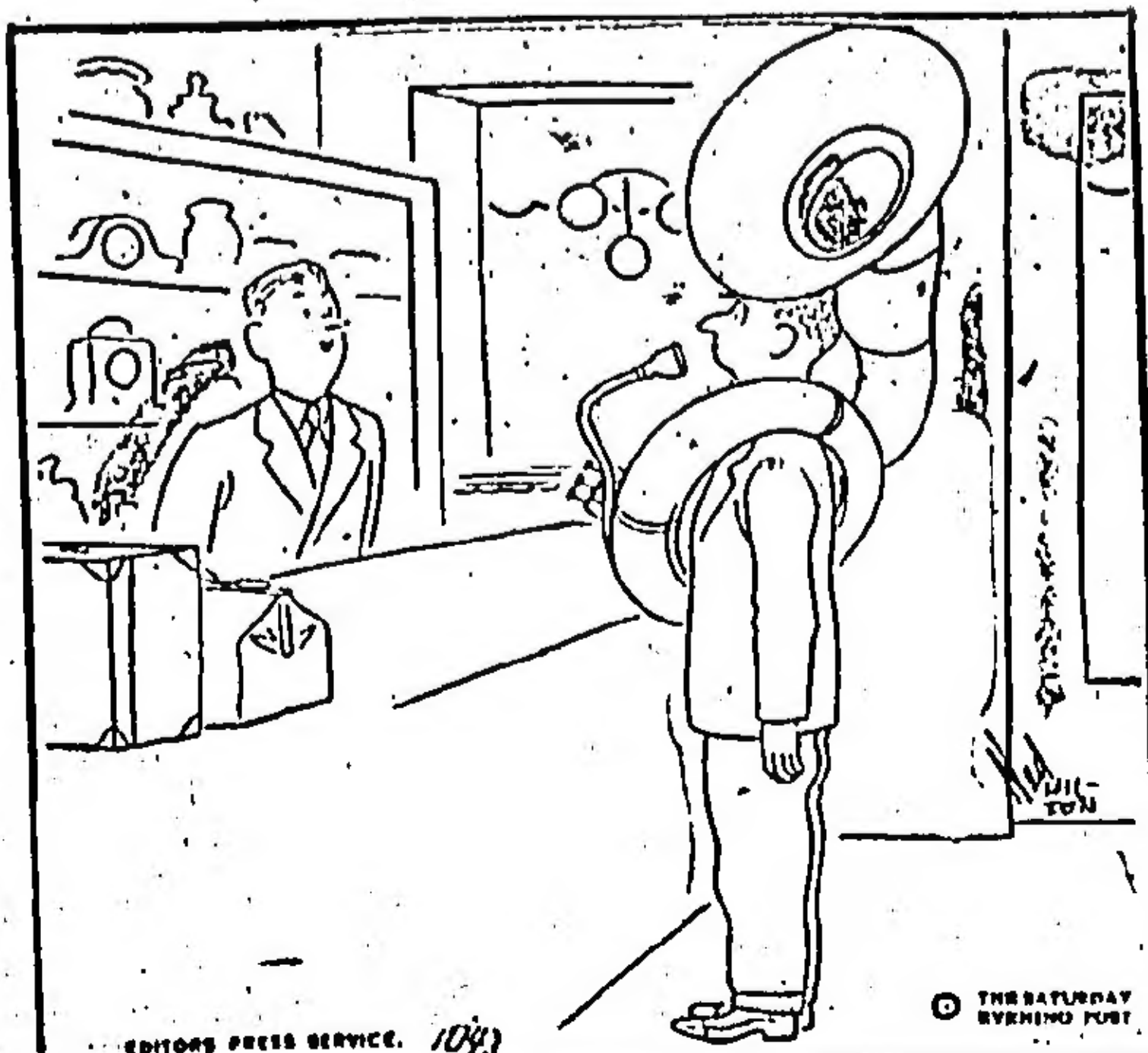
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